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Korea units sweep Army community relations awards

By Eighth Army Public Affairs

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

YONGSAN GARRISON – The 2006 U.S. Army's Community Relations Award of Excellence competition confirmed that the Army's top program, special event and individual achievers reside on the Korean Peninsula.

The 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) won first place in the Ongoing Programs Category, giving "Team 19" bragging rights as having the Army's best community relations program.

The 8th Military Police Brigade won second place in the Special Events Category for their "2005 Watchpup Olympics."

Eighth Army personnel swept the Individual Achievement Category. Awardees in this category exemplify the Army's highest standards in public involvement as well as communicating the Army's purpose and values.

First Place was awarded to 1st Lt. Chang Suk Won, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Second Place was awarded to No Won Hyon, 19th SC (E). Third Place was awarded to Chaplain (Capt.) Kim Sungjean P., 307th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade.

"This is absolutely a marvelous performance and I am very, very pleased. It's great to be able to say that the Army standard for community relations is here, on the Korean Peninsula and among our own," said Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commanding general for the 8th U.S. Army.

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One down, 12 to go



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Participants in the 2006 Eighth U.S. Army Bataan Memorial Death March Qualifier, make their way over the 13.1-mile course Feb. 18. The march began at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House, with a total of 164 Soldiers from military installations throughout Korea participating. This event is the qualifier that determine the men's, women's and unit teams that represent Eighth U.S. Army at the 2006 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands, N.M., March 26.

Road-widening project advances near Red Cloud



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Korean construction workers knock down the final wall at Camp Red Cloud Friday as part of a road widening project. By repositioning the camp's outer wall, Area I will return 4.8 acres to the city and allow the highway to grow from four to eight lanes.

Margaret A. Banish-Donaldson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD – Officials from the Second Infantry Division and Area I and the Uijeongbu city government knocked down the final phase Feb. 17 of the Camp Red Cloud wall.

A 2003 agreement between Area I and the city started a series of construction projects that will soon result in a widened highway where the old wall once stood.

Col. Ross Ridge, 2nd Inf. Div. chief of staff, and Uijeongbu City Mayor Kim Mun-won, held a press conference along the side of the wall on the future Highway 3 bypass near Kyungmin College.

"The mayor and the city leaders of Uijeongbu continue to manage the growth of this great city, and we all know that with this growth comes

expansion," Ridge said. "This project offers us the opportunity to give back 4.8 acres to our good neighbors seven months sooner than September 2006, which we originally negotiated."

The mayor thanked Maj. Gen. George Higgins and Col. Forrest Newton for keeping their promise. "The 400,000 citizens of Uijeongbu will never forget what the 2nd Infantry Division and Area I did here today," Kim said.

The highway will grow from its current four lanes to eight.

"I am very grateful for the hard work by our Korean contractors that accelerated the construction," Ridge said. "The City of Uijeongbu has taken an aggressive approach to improving local infrastructure, both to serve the existing community and accommodate any planned growth."

Sometimes being mean is part of the job

By Sgt. Maj. Terry Coy

Second Infantry Division G-1

As one of the senior leaders in the Army, I spend a majority of my time coaching and mentoring many of our great young officers and NCOs on the subject of leadership and “taking care of Soldiers.”

As most of you know there is no “cookie cutter” solution or formula that identifies great leadership or how to “take care of Soldiers.” FM 22-100 (Army Leadership) is an excellent training aid, however, it does not give us as leaders every answer we need to take care of our Soldiers.

One of the ways I try to relate to junior leaders on what our responsibilities are in taking care of Soldiers is that being a leader is very similar to the role of a parent.

As a parent your role constantly evolves as your child grows older. We give the child more freedom and responsibility as they get older, mature and demonstrate they are capable of functioning on their own.

Granted we sometimes face challenges with the generation gap, but we learn what tactics work by trial and error.

We still have an inherent responsibility to teach our children right from wrong and instill the values of being a good citizen and a productive member of society.

That same responsibility applies to our role as leaders.

As the young Soldier matures, we give them more responsibility and less supervision. We still have an inherent responsibility to teach and uphold the Army Values and the Soldiers Creed. We also have an obligation to know, teach and enforce adherence to the Army standards, whatever the situation is we face and hold Soldiers accountable for their actions that don’t adhere to the standard.

During my 19 years of service in the Army, I continually looked for any piece of literature or guidance from superiors that would continue my professional development as a leader.

As a brand new sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas in 1989, the post newspaper ran an article written by the III Corps Public Affairs Officer Col. Bruce Beals.

The title of the article was “Being ‘mean’ officer/NCO part of the job.” That article had a profound effect on me as a leader in that it reinforced to me what my role as a noncommissioned officer was in knowing, teaching and enforcing standards. I have carried the article with me ever since and I try to provide a copy to every leader I coach or mentor. The article is still relevant today, so I would like to share with you a reprint of the great article by Beals:

“Recently, my wife and I were Christmas shopping and we stopped at a small knickknack store. As we looked around, I spotted some samplers on the wall

with catchy sayings and poems. You’ve seen those nice frame adages like, “Today is the first day of your life” or “Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away.”

One of them caught my eye. It was entitled The Mean Mother. It began with something like “A mean mother never lets her children have all the candy they want.”

As I read the attributes of the “mean mother” my wife approached. She saw what I was looking at and quickly observed that many of the characteristics of the “mean mother” could be applied to the “mean officer” or the “mean sergeant.” As usual, my wife was right.

I’ve made my list of traits that distinguish the “mean officer and sergeant.”

The mean officer/sergeant:

- Holds their Soldiers accountable for their equipment. He makes the Soldier clean it after an exercise and replace lost or damaged items.
- Inspects their Soldiers on a regular basis and holds them to an established and well understood standard.
- Insists their Soldiers are at the right place at the right time in the right uniform.
- Encourages every soldier to take care himself/herself physically, mentally and spiritually.
- Checks to ensure the soldier takes care of their family.

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Setting Limits — how to say ‘no’ to your child

By Melissa Royalty

DoDDS Korea

Even the most determined parent can be worn down by the power of pestering, but what message are we giving our youth? When your child asks for that treat or toy you may think – why be stern, it only costs a few dollars? But what message are you giving if you continually give in?

The child who believes they can have whatever they want whenever they want it has totally unrealistic expectations. You can be sure that the requests will get bigger and more expensive as he or she becomes aware of all the goodies out there.

While you may indulge your child’s wishes, the real world won’t, and he/she may be in for a rude awakening when encountering the many situations where he can’t actually have what he/she wants.

The child who always receives a treat when they start to cry and shout is learning a couple of dangerous lessons. A child who continually gets toys and treats learns not to value these things - after all, they can be replaced easily. The child may come to have too-high expectations and will have no sense of gratitude for any gifts or treats received.

Even more dangerous, the child is also learning that if they cry they take control the situation from you the parent. They are learning that the tantrum yields their wants.

Deciding to use the word “no” is difficult for many parents. Often parents think they are being mean if they don’t

give in to their child’s requests.

Keep in mind that it is okay that your children not get every treat they would like. Begin by saying no to requests for things like sweets and toys. Save the sweets and toys for special occasions; your child will value them more.

On the other hand, do start saying yes to requests for your time. Parenting isn’t about just getting through these years. You should be enjoying your child, and what better way to do that than to spend time with them?

Discover what they like, allow them time to show off their new skills and knowledge, give them praise and encouragement and relax together.

Initially it will be difficult, as your child may have trouble believing that you really mean no. Their past experiences tell them

that they only have to cause a fuss and they will get what they want. He or she will protest and may throw tantrums, but remember the consequences of giving in.

If you need to take a “parent time out” and excuse yourself and come back to the situation when you feel calm and can take care of the situation, do so.

There are many ways of dealing with and avoiding confrontational situations with your child, but remember that some protests are inevitable and you must be prepared to feel under pressure and uncomfortable at times.

However, if your child learns that when you say no you mean it, you are teaching him or her a valuable life lesson that will help create a productive citizen with real expectations.

(Editor’s Note: Melissa Royalty is a school counselor with DoDDS Korea.)

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NEWS & NOTES

**Reunion in Korea
Deadline Approaches**

The application deadline for the next Reunion in Korea tour is fast approaching and servicemembers who plan to bring family to Korea with this program are urged to complete and return their applications as soon as possible. Reunion in Korea is a program designed to help U.S. Forces Korea servicemembers bring family members to visit them in Korea. Since 1981, over 18,000 family members have participated in the program, which offers discounted airline, hotel and tour packages to military members. Reunion tour dates for 2006 are April 17-20, May 22-25, Sept. 11-14 and Oct. 23-26. Application deadlines for the first tour is Saturday. Applications are available at all USO offices and will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. For information, call 724-7003.

**Post Allowance Rate
Survey Continues**

Federal civilians in Korea can impact post allowance rates in Korea by participating in a State Department survey currently being conducted through Tuesday. The survey and information are published on the Directorate of Human Resource Management public site under "Quick Links" or "Published Content."

Founder's Day Dinner

All West Point graduates and guests are invited to attend the 2006 West Point Founder's Day Sit down Dinner March 4 at the Naija Ballroom, Dragon Hill Lodge on Yongsan Garrison's South Post. The evening's activities will begin at 6 p.m. with a Benny Havens Social Hour. Cost of dinner is \$25 per person. For information, contact Lt. Col. Doug Boltuc at BoltucD@korea.army.mil, or by calling 723-6153.

**Women's History Month
Nominations**

The Department of Defense is soliciting female role models, military and civilian nominees, working in science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines for recognition at the 2006 Women's History Month Observance and Recognition Ceremony March 21 at the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C. The nominees will be recognized for their contributions to Equal Employment Opportunity, Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights. Completed citations of accomplishments highlighting the nominees accomplishments must be forwarded through the chain of command to the Equal Employment Opportunity (civilian nominations) or to the Equal Opportunity Office (military nominations) by March 2. For information, contact Rosa Yasmin at 738-4475, or by e-mail at rosay@korea.army.mil.

Lost Barcelet

A gold bracelet was lost Feb. 11 in the vicinity of The Gallery and the U.S Post Office on Yongsan Main Post. A reward is being offered for its return. For information, call 749-8410 or e-mail rstellal@hotmail.com.

Ambassador 'really impressed' with Kunsan

*U.S. envoy to Korea gets
firsthand look at Wolf Pack*

By Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier
8th Fighter Wing public affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE — The U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea got a "supersonic" look at Kunsan and the Wolf Pack while touring the base Feb. 17.

Ambassador Alexander Vershbow, who took office Oct. 17, 2005, was given a firsthand look at the base including the 80th and 35th fighter squadrons. Later, he got an in-depth look at the Wolf Pack's mission of "Taking the Fight North" with a backseat ride in an F-16D.

Prior to his flight, the ambassador said he got a good impression as to why the 8th Fighter Wing was awarded the Air Force outstanding unit award.

"I'm really impressed by the level of training and the level of readiness, but also the attention to quality of life on base," he said. "We (the United States) really appreciate the element of sacrifice here since all the troops are without their families."

The ambassador added the Wolf Pack deterrent is very strong and effective because of the capabilities of the forces here at Kunsan.

"As I understand, Kunsan plays a very crucial role in providing for our ability to bring in reinforcements, or

"We (the United States) really appreciate the element of sacrifice here since all the troops are without their families."



SENIOR AIRMAN JOSHUA GARCIA

Capt. Samuel Stitt, 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, shows off the "headhunter" greeting with U.S. ambassador to Korea Alexander Vershbow Feb. 17. The ambassador visited Kunsan Air Base to get a better understanding of the 8th Fighter Wing's mission.

follow-on forces, and they, with the very lethal air forces here, 'take the fight north' if war comes," the ambassador said. "But I think by having that capability and by exercising it regularly, no one will mess around with the 8th Fighter Wing or the U.S. Forces in Korea."

Before being escorted to the flightline for his introductory flight, Vershbow said he wanted to say thank you to U.S. forces stationed at the Wolf Pack. "I've been in the diplomatic service now for 29 years and I've worked with the military in a lot of different incarnations, including ...

arms control talks, working with NATO and helping to bring peace to the former Yugoslavia," he said.

"Now, I have the extra opportunity to work with the military again in Korea. It's also very important that we are co-located here with the Republic of Korea Air Force. I understand the sense of partnership and solidarity here are very strong and, of course, that makes the deterrent even more effective. You not only maintain that deterrent, but you give a strong hand to America's diplomats and for that I am especially grateful."

A Boston native, Vershbow served as U.S. ambassador to Russia from July 2001 to July 2005 before taking his position in the Republic of Korea.

Bringing foreign spouse to United States

By Sita M. Farrell
U.S. Embassy, Seoul

(In an article in last week's edition of The Morning Calm Weekly, readers learned the procedures for marrying in Korea. This week you will discover the first step in bringing a non-U.S. citizen spouse or other immediate family member to the United States; filing an immigrant petition. Next week's article will cover the immigrant visa application that follows the petition.)

The basic rules for sponsoring foreign citizens to live in the United States are found in the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. Immigration procedures are set by law and cannot be waived. It is important for U.S. Forces Korea personnel to remember that, while their spouses and other family members may receive benefits from DOD or the Status of Forces Agreement, these are completely unrelated to immigration benefits. They fall under different rules, require separate applications, and have distinct eligibility criteria. Any non-U.S. citizen family member, command sponsored or not, departing Korea for the United States, must comply with the INA.

Two USG agencies have direct control over immigration, visas, and entry into the United States: the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State. At U.S. Embassy, Seoul, both agencies have fully staffed offices to process immigrants. Each agency has different procedures and public hours, but both process immigrants *by appointment only*. Before visiting the embassy, review our Web site at <http://seoul.usembassy.gov/www/hiv.html>.

Who: The sponsor (you) is called the petitioner. The foreigners whom you are sponsoring are called the beneficiaries. American citizens can petition a spouse and any stepchild without adopting the child, provided the marriage occurred before the stepchild's 18th birthday.

The beneficiaries need not be in Korea, but the petitioner must be assigned to Korea long term (meaning USFK members permanently posted in South Korea and others who have a Korean long-term visa for residence, work or study) to file an immigrant petition with DHS in Seoul.

What: File an immigrant petition (I-130) at DHS for \$190. First, send an e-mail to DHS at cis.seoul@dhs.gov to schedule an appointment. Refer to www.uscis.gov for information about forms, fees, and procedures.

Most immigration forms can be found at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/index.htm>, but you can also pick them up from U.S. Embassy Seoul's USCIS office, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday to Friday. If you need vital records from the United States, go to www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm. If your beneficiary needs a foreign vital record, see <http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm> for advice.

Petitioners should bring the following information to their DHS appointment: one completed I-130 from you for each beneficiary; one biographic data form (G-325) for the petitioner and each beneficiary; proof of every party's identity; proof of your U.S. citizenship (a U.S. passport, birth certificate

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“There is a host of contributors that connect our role to the long-term interests of our Korean allies, yet none is more notable and uniting than being good neighbors,” Campbell said.

Good Neighbor programs across Korea reinforce the bonds formed over more than 50 years and serve as a foundation for building mutual respect and understanding of the ROK–U.S. Alliance among the younger generations of both nations.

There are 11 winners overall in various categories, chosen from Army entries

coming from Major Commands, Installation management Agency, Headquarters Department of the Army, Field Operation Agencies, Direct Reporting Units, the National Guard Bureau, and the Army Reserve. The contest judged ongoing programs, special events and individual achievement.

Judging is based on five outreach objectives: increasing public awareness of the Army, inspiring patriotism, fostering good relations with various publics, maintaining Army’s valued reputation, and supporting recruiting.

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■ Doesn’t allow their Soldiers to abuse equipment, vehicles or facilities.

■ Makes their Soldiers study for promotion boards, competitions and skill tests.

■ Insists that their Soldiers read and use the right manuals and reference materials when using and maintaining equipment and weapons.

■ Demands earned respect from their subordinates.

■ Teaches their Soldiers to show initiative and discipline in their absence or in the absence of orders.

■ Teaches their Soldiers to respect each other, their unit and the Army.

■ Insists that every Soldier accept responsibility for their own actions.

■ Expects their Soldier to look out for their fellow Soldiers.

As I was putting my list together, I found a quote by Gen. Curtis Lemay, former Air Force chief of staff and commander of the Strategic Air Command that sums up the “mean

leader.”

He said, “I don’t mind being called tough since I find in this racket it’s the tough guys who lead the survivors.”

The next time you hear about a “mean” officer or sergeant, think about that.”

One of my favorite sayings is “I don’t care how much you know, until I know how much you care.” I believe that simple saying applies to any leader.

It is one thing to know how to do things. It is another to care enough to make the time to help your Soldier study for the promotion board or fix a pay problem. If you don’t make that investment as a leader, then in my eyes you are probably a “combat ineffective” leader, who will end up getting your Soldiers killed or injured.

If your leadership style is in line with the attributes of the mean officer or mean sergeant then you truly earned the title of “leader” and your Soldiers will follow you anywhere.

Spouse from Page 3

Petitioners should bring the following information to their DHS appointment: one completed I-130 from you for each beneficiary; one biographic data form (G-325) for the petitioner and each beneficiary; proof of every party’s identity; proof of your U.S. citizenship (a U.S. passport, birth certificate or naturalization certificate is proof, but a uniformed services identity card is not); and the complete paper trail of the relationships: birth, marriage, divorce, death and adoption certificates, as applicable, for each party. Following DHS’ approval of your I-130, DHS will forward the approved petition to DOS in Seoul for immigrant visa processing. Subsequently, DOS will notify the beneficiary to submit additional paperwork.

When: It is imperative that you file your I-130 right away. The entire immigration process can take up to six months for Korean spouses, and longer for other relatives. The petitioner must be in Korea to file the I-130, but not necessarily when his/her spouse applies for the immigrant visa. If you, the petitioner, must leave Korea before the beneficiary, but after you have filed the I-130, you may mail documents to the beneficiary. Note that the INA makes intending immigrants, including servicemembers’ dependents,

ineligible for non-immigrant visitor or student visas. At the time the beneficiary applies for a tourist/business visa, he/she must confirm that an immigrant petition is on file.

What can delay I-130 approval? The I-130 determines the identities and relationships of the parties. If your beneficiary is not Korean, DHS may have to perform lengthy background checks in his or her home country.

Where: If you are assigned to Korea, to receive the most expeditious processing, please file your I-130 at the DHS office at U.S. Embassy Seoul before you depart. You can file an I-130 with DHS by mail in the United States, but it will add significant time to the entire process.

If you are unsure when you want to bring a stepchild to the United States, still file the I-130 in Seoul, as soon as possible. Approved I-130s do not expire as long as the relationship remains intact and you keep DOS informed about your intention to apply for a visa. The easiest and least expensive way to come to the embassy is by subway to Gwangwhamun station, exit 2, on line 5. All subway lines are clearly marked in English.

How: Get married, gather documents, file I-130s, and process your immigrant visa — the subject of next week’s article.

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Military's top officer swears in 2ID Soldiers

Pace re-ups 29 warriors, discusses military's future

By Sgt. 1st Class Kanessa R. Trent
Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

RODRIGUEZ RANGE – An otherwise routine re-enlistment ceremony for the men and women of the 2nd Infantry Division was made extra special by the man who officiated the event Feb. 3.

Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, administered the oath of (re)enlistment to 29 2ID Soldiers during his visit to the peninsula for the USFK change of command.

Master Sgt. Gregory Patton, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team retention NCO, who organized the mass re-enlistment ceremony, said having senior leadership involved increases reenlistment levels.

"I enjoy having the Army and the military senior leadership come in and show a Soldier how much they care to take care of Soldiers," he said.

Sgt. Ronnie Farmer, Company B, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor, took full advantage of the opportunity. Farmer had planned on re-enlisting in the near future for an assignment at Fort Bliss, Texas, which requires a three-year commitment, but when he learned the very day of the re-enlistment that the CJCS was doing the honors, he walked to the front of the line and asked to be a part of the event.

Farmer said this re-enlistment "is a milestone and shows I'm ready to stick with the program."

Spc. Daniel Kessler, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Special Troops Battalion, also chose to raise his right hand and swear to continue defending the United States through his service in the U.S. Army that day.

"It's a big deal because it's a once-in-



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Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, re-enlists 29 Soldiers from Second Infantry Division during a February visit to Area I.

a-lifetime opportunity to get re-enlisted by the top military officer," Kessler said. "It's not every day that you get re-enlisted by someone of that status."

Before the ceremony, Pace thanked the Soldiers for their time and for their service. He said it "says a lot for the health of our Army and the future of our country when men and women who have served their country and who could go on to do other things decide to stay in uniform."

"When you have the opportunity to serve like you do here, your time makes a difference," He said. "Even if you wake up and it seems like it's not going to be the best day, I promise you, you will look back on days like this and remember them fondly."

Following the ceremony, Pace took

questions from Soldiers. Questions from the crowd ranged from the possibility of future rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan mirroring a one-year tour to Korea to troop strength shortages.

When asked about his thoughts on the Advanced Incentive Program that allows Soldiers to serve additional years on the peninsula, Pace said, "I will tell you that wherever you are stationed, that job is important. We don't have jobs in the military that are not valuable so if you're here in Korea, and you enjoy what you do and want to stay longer, by all means, do so -- because the deployment here, the time here is critical to the defense of this peninsula against aggression from the North."

He went on to say that wherever a

servicemember is stationed is significant to the mission overall.

"If you're not in Korea and you're somewhere else and you're not in Iraq or Afghanistan, it's still your duty. Look, I'm not in Iraq or Afghanistan. My job is in Washington, D.C., and I consider my job to be important, so each of us has a responsibility to do the job we have and do the best we can."

Pace also said by sharing their experiences, those in uniform can help individuals understand what it is that the armed forces are doing around the world.

"It tells them that this is an organization that they would want to join, and if they do join that their service would be valued and that they would be sent on missions that will be good for our country."

Financial Freedom

Dumping debt, bargain hunting keys to financial health

By Spc. Chris Stephens

Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

(This is the third story in a seven-part series on financial health.)

For many years Americans have believed the myth that debt is a part of life. They think that it's a right of passage and everyone goes through it.

Truth is, debt is not something you have to go through to get the things you want in life.

But the problem with society in monetary terms is that nobody is taught how to manage their finances on the most basic level while in school. Sure, many learn in college but most learn the hard lessons of money out in the real world when they take a pretty big fall that many times ends up in bankruptcy.

By choosing to buy only big bargains and to dump all of your current debt, you too can breathe the fresh air of financial freedom.

Buying Only Big Bargains

Many people believe that if they get a big bargain, then someone on the other side is getting the sour end of the deal. So, they've bought into the cultural ideology to pay what the sticker says. But you can have your cake and eat it too.

Financial guru Dave Ramsey says that the thing that sets wealthy people apart from everyone else, is they religiously ask for a deal. "They don't play these marketing games that companies like to play," he says in his video. "Negotiating is a way of life for them."

But to negotiate successfully, Ramsey says you have to follow a few basic rules.

■ Always tell the truth. Telling the truth is the most important thing you can do in your life.

■ Use the power of cash. Cash money speaks more to a sales representative than a credit card because it's emotional, visual and has immediacy. There is no waiting around to

get their money. It's right there.

■ Understand and use "walk away" power. If they don't give you what you want, simply walk away.

■ Keep your mouth shut. Let the salesperson do the talking. Just be silent and see how far they'll go down on the price.

■ The "That's not good enough" approach. If you don't like the deal, tell them so. That puts the ball in their court to bring down the price. And if they don't, say "I'll bet your competitor will bring the price down." See what happens after that.

The second key to buying big bargains is patience. Ramsey says people go out to look for a bargain, but become too impatient and buy an item at a price they really don't want to pay. The old saying, "Patience is a virtue," holds true.

NEWS & NOTES

Comedy Show

Comedian Bruce Bruce, the new host of Black Entertainment Television's "Coming to the Stage," will perform at 7 p.m. Friday Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club.

MWR BOSS Event

The Saturday BOSS Dominoes Tournament/Hot Wings & Karaoke Contest is just around the corner. Encourage your target audience to enter the hot wings contest at 5:30 p.m. and walk away with a grand prize, A HOOOAH barbecue grill, at Camp Casey Primo's.

Casey Lodge Grand Re-Opening

Camp Casey Lodge grand re-opening will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Mardi Gras Party

A Mardi Gras party and 5K race will be held March 4 at Camp Casey Primo's.

Osan Shopping Trip

An Osan shopping trip is set for March 4, with transportation leaving at 7 a.m. from the Camp Casey Community Activity Center; 7:20 a.m. Camp Hovey; 8 a.m. Camp Red Cloud; and 8:30 from Camp Stanley.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Tobacco Cessation classes will be offered at the following times and locations:

Camp Casey Troop Medical Clinic, 9 -11 a.m., March 3; Camp Red Cloud TMC 10 a.m. - noon, March 7; Camp Casey TMC 9 - 11 a.m., March 10; Camp Red Cloud TMC 10 a.m. - noon, March 14; Camp Casey TMC 9 - 11 a.m., March 17; Camp Red Cloud TMC 10 a.m. - noon, March 21; Camp Casey TMC 9 - 11 a.m., March 24; Camp Red Cloud TMC 10 a.m. - noon, March 28; and Camp Casey TMC 9 - 11 a.m., March 31

Spiritual Fitness Retreat

A spiritual fitness retreat will be held March 20-22 at the retreat center. "Leadership from a biblical perspective" is the theme. For information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Awdykowzy at 732-6169. Transportation departs Camp Casey at 6:30 a.m. and CRC at 7:45 a.m.

Women's History Month Round Table

A Women's History Month round table will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. March 23 at the Gateway on Camp Casey. Program begins with the opening of the WHM event followed by guest speaker, dinner and discussion. This year's theme is "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams." Event will showcase the prominent women that are the driving force in the community of Uijeongbu and CRC enclave.

African-American makes difference after service

By Spc. Chris Stephens

Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

Everyone has heard stories of someone who achieved victory against insurmountable odds. And the story of Henry O. Flipper is no different, except after achieving success, he was knocked back down, only to rise to his feet again.

"Henry O. Flipper's story is a remarkable one and should represent something for all Americans, not just African-Americans," said Lt. Col. Paul S. Greenhouse, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment commander.

Flipper was born a slave in Georgia in 1856 and began his education in the woodshop of another slave. At the age of 13 he attended Atlanta University. In 1873, Flipper was nominated by newly-elected Georgia Congressman James Freeman to be admitted to West Point Military Academy. Four years later,

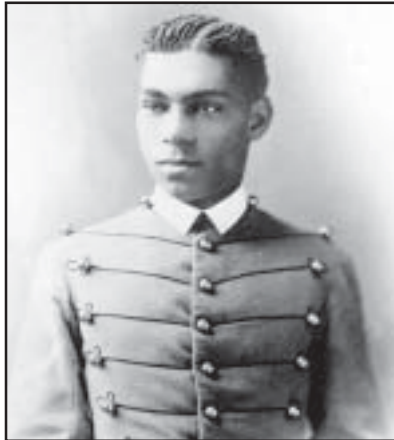
Flipper became the first African-American to graduate from the academy, excelling in engineering, French, Spanish and law, and finishing 50th out of a class of 76.

"It wasn't about getting a better opportunity for himself," Greenhouse said. "It was about creating a better opportunity for everyone."

But, that's not where the story ends. Flipper was assigned to the 10th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Sill, Okla. While at Fort Sill, Flipper was given a job as the post's engineer and was ordered to construct a new drainage system to eliminate a number of stagnant ponds blamed for causing malaria.

In November 1880, Flipper was ordered to Fort Davis, Texas, where he was assigned the duties of acting assistant quartermaster and acting commissary of subsistence. In the spring of 1881, Flipper discovered commissary funds missing from his trunk. Knowing his new post commander Col. William Shafter was ill-tempered, Flipper tried to conceal the loss until the money could be found.

Flipper's efforts only resulted in him being court-martialed, where he was charged with embezzlement and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The court found him not guilty of the embezzlement charges,



Henry O. Flipper

but guilty of misconduct, and ordered his dismissal from the Army.

After leaving the Army, Flipper went on to attain recognition and respect as a surveyor. In 1890, he opened his own civil and mining engineering office in Arizona.

From 1893 to 1901, Flipper worked for the Department of Justice as a special agent for the Court of Private Land Claims. His main task was translating Spanish documents into English, but he also surveyed land grants and appeared as an expert witness in several court cases.

Flipper next took a job as resident engineer with a mining company in Mexico. In 1919, he served as an interpreter and translator for a Senate subcommittee on foreign relations, and, in 1921, was appointed a special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior and worked with the Alaskan Engineering Commission.

"Even having been dismissed from the Army, Flipper kept contributing to our nation," Greenhouse said. "Imagine being kicked out of the Army and still believing that you must contribute in some meaningful way to our nation, and then doing it. Henry Flipper had great character to do that and is a great example to all of us."

During the years following his dismissal from the Army, Flipper maintained his innocence. He sought to clear his name through the only route open to him - the passage of a bill by Congress. Attempt after attempt, none of the bills ever gained enough support or interest. All of his bills died quietly in committees.

Flipper died in 1940, never knowing that one day his name would be cleared.

That day came Feb. 19, 1999, when President Bill Clinton posthumously pardoned West Point's first African-American graduate.

Greenhouse believes the pardon was great, but there's a better way to remember Flipper.

"The best way to remember him is to think that nothing we are trying to do that is good, is impossible," he said. "We have to commit ourselves to making that 'something' a reality. Just like Henry Flipper did."

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The third key is to know where to find good deals. Good deals can be found all over the place, i.e. estate sales, public auctions, garage sales, flea markets, repossession lots, foreclosures, classified ads and consignment sales.

Ramsey also says to keep everything within reason. "Don't give someone a price that is a slap in the face," he says. "Be reasonable."

Dumping Debt

In 1970, only 15 percent of Americans carried credit cards. Today, on average, Americans possess six credit cards. Yes, six. Most of them get their first one prior to starting college. In fact, "USA Today" notes that Citibank, the largest issuer of Visa, will spend \$100 million this year just marketing credit cards to high school and college students.

In 2004, Sears, one of the nation's leaders in the credit card holders, made more money from credit than in actual sales.

"It's gotten out of control," Ramsey says. "Quit borrowing money from these people."

Ramsey said the problem with people

in debt is they believe many of the myths surrounding loans, cash advances, credit cards and the lottery. "The biggest myth is that people believe they need to take out a credit card or a car loan to build credit," Ramsey says. "The truth is open credit card accounts with zero balances count against you as well as car payments when qualifying for a home loan."

Another myth people buy into is that cash advance, rent-to-own, title pawning and tote-the-note car lots are needed services for lower income people to get ahead. The truth is these are horrible, greedy rip offs that aren't needed and benefit no one but the owners of these companies.

The myth that playing the lotto and other forms of gambling will make you rich is also a myth. "The truth is, lotto and powerball are a tax on the poor and on people who can't do math," Ramsey says. "Ed McMahon isn't coming."

On average, Americans who play the lottery spend \$20-40 a month.

"If you put that same amount of money into a savings plan from age 22-70, you'll be a millionaire every time - not one in

every 1.8 million times like it is with the lottery," Ramsey says.

Ramsey believes there are full-proof steps to get out of debt: quit borrowing money; save money; sell something you don't need; get a part-time job; and employ the debt snowball.

The debt snowball is an effective way for people to get out of bondage one debt at a time.

"The principle is to stop everything except minimum payments and focus on one thing at a time. Otherwise, nothing gets accomplished because all your effort is diluted," Ramsey says. "You attack the smallest debt first, still maintaining minimum payments on everything else. Do what is necessary to focus your attention. Keep stepping up to the next larger bill. After the credit debt is taken care of you are ready for the next baby step in your total money makeover.

"Financial freedom is available," Ramsey says. "You just have to reach out and grab it."

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Hollywood stars shine in Seoul display

By Pvt. Kim Sang Pil

Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

SEOUL – Anyone wishing to get a picture of their favorite Hollywood star should hurry to the COEX Mall. Just don't expect a lot of conversation along with the photo.

A galaxy of 115 Hollywood stars has come to Korea from Movie Land Wax Museum in Anaheim, Calif. Wardrobe from the movies were donated by individual film companies to be worn on the figures.

The exhibition is being held at the COEX Mall until the end of March. As you enter the display, you will come across a life-size image of Catherine Zeta-Jones and a bigger-than-life replica of The Hulk. You can have a free photo taken with Zeta-Jones or The Hulk on your way in and pick it up when you are finished seeing the exhibition.

Visitors are also welcome to take photos at the exhibition, so they can bring home the fun memory.

The exhibition consists of seven sections: Classic Movie Stars, Hollywood Superstars, Recording Stars, Korean Stars, Historical Figures, Sports Stars and Animation Stars.

Props used in the films are displayed along with the wax stars.

For instance, the actual horses used in the movie, "Ben Hur" were stuffed to become wax figures and the very chariot that the horses led is also displayed.

Actors and actresses from the movies: Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable from "Gone with the Wind," Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr from "The King and I," and Omar Sharif and Julie Christie from "Dr.

Zhivago" populate the Classic Movie Star Pavilion.

At the Hollywood Superstar Pavilion, celebrities like Julia Roberts, Nicole Kidman and Halle Berry are waiting for you. From John Lennon to Britney Spears to Korean pop stars like Be (Korean word for rain), who has just finished a concert at Madison Square Garden in New York, are among the recording stars on display. An interesting thing about the wax figure of Be is that it has a heart-beating machine embedded in its chest that can be heard if you get close.

World Leaders such as U.S. President George W. Bush, Roh Moo Hyun of the Republic of Korea and Mikhail Gorbachov of Russia are also among the interesting sights awaiting visitors. As are Albert Einstein, the world famous scientist for his Theory of Relativity, and the artist Picasso, both of whom are waxed into figures at the Historical Figures Pavilion.

In the Sports Star Pavilion, you can take photos with your favorite golfer, Tiger Woods, and soccer player David Beckham. Korean national soccer team players like Park Ji Sung; Park Chu Young; and Hong Myung Bo are displayed to remind Koreans of the glory of the 2002 World Cup.

Animated characters like Shrek and Princess Fiona add a touch of fantasy to the exhibition.

"These figures are just so real," said Kim Hye Young, 21, a visitor from Irwon-dong, Seoul. "If I showed my friends me in the picture with these, they would believe that I actually had met them. Shrek is my



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Kim Hye Young, from Irwon, Seoul, gets on The Hulk's bad side at the Movie Land Wax Museum exhibit at the COEX Mall.

favorite!"

Each figure takes at least six months to make and the collection is worth \$25 million. The Korean celebrity wax figures are the works of Mazusaki Satoru, a Japanese wax figure sculptor and president of Satoru Lab.

The display is open until March

31. The entrance fee is 12,000 won for adults, 10,000 won for middle and high school students and 8,000 won for kids over three years old. The COEX Mall is located at Samsung Station, on Subway Line 2.

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Fiona and Shrek greet visitors to the Animation Stars portion of the Movie Land Wax Museum display at Seoul's COEX Mall. More than 100 celebrity likenesses are on display at the mall through March 31.



Well-known figures both real (like U.S. President George W. Bush, left) and fictional (like the Keanu Reeves character Neo, from "The Matrix" trilogy, left) are on display at the COEX Mall through the end of March.



New citizens promise to 'support and defend'

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — The men and women sat quietly in their chairs, waiting for the ceremony to begin. Crowds of family, friends and supporters lined the walls of the room. The long journey toward U.S. citizenship would finally be complete.

"Today you will become American citizens, just like any other American citizen," Immigration Officer Kenneth Sherman told 33 citizen candidates from 15 countries at the Yongsan Embassy Club Feb. 15.

For candidates, the path to citizenship was lined with challenges: documents, interviews, a test and a lot of waiting.

"I feel a lot better now," said Spc. Lodrick Lawrence, Co. B, 16th Medical Logistics Battalion. "I decided as a kid, since I was about 11, that I would join the military, get my citizenship and open up my doors."

Lawrence, a medical supply specialist born in Jamaica, said becoming a U.S. citizen gives him more opportunities. With U.S. citizenship he said he can apply for a security clearance, officer candidate school and pilot training.

"This is the beginning of a new chapter for me," he said.

Because of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2004, the U.S. Embassy now conducts overseas military naturalization ceremonies.

"Before October 2004, servicemembers could only naturalize while physically within the United States," said Jose Olivares, U.S. Citizenship and



DAVID McNALLY
Pfc. Mario Lucero, a Guatemala native stationed at Yongsan's 121st General Hospital, takes the oath of allegiance Feb. 15 at his naturalization ceremony.

Immigration Services attaché.

Olivares said since the new law was passed, U.S. immigration officials have naturalized more than 500 servicemembers stationed in Korea and Japan in overseas ceremonies.

Each year, more than 450,000 people receive U.S. citizenship in ceremonies across the United States.

"That includes more than 10,000 U.S.

servicemembers worldwide who receive citizenship through an expedited process," Olivares said.

Olivares said the nation was proud to show its appreciation by offering qualified servicemembers the privilege of U.S. citizenship as quickly as possible.

"Congratulations, my fellow citizens," Olivares told the group after administering the oath of allegiance.

The new citizens then recited the pledge of allegiance led by one of their own, Sgt. Hilda Lerma, a Mexico native stationed at Camp Humphreys. The group also watched a video presentation by U.S. President George W. Bush.

"The United States of America welcomes you as citizens," he said. "You are now an important part of our democracy."

The new citizens came from Ghana, Ecuador, Republic of Korea, Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Philippines, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Grenada, United Kingdom, Thailand, Germany and China.

Olivares said the U.S. Embassy tries to conduct naturalization ceremonies quarterly. He said prospective citizen candidates should seek help from the local legal office.

"Many of these servicemembers are combat veterans," he said. "It's a privilege. I'm impressed with them."

Olivares encouraged military units to support their servicemembers' desire to become U.S. citizens.

For U.S. citizenship information online, visit <http://www.uscis.gov>.

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Top-notch NCOs gain entry to elite club

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inducts seven Soldiers

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inducted seven Soldiers into their ranks Feb. 10 at the Multipurpose Training Facility.

Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th U.S. Army commander, welcomed the Audie Murphy inductees.

Korean War hero and retired Gen. Paik Sun-yup also presented his own award to eight Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers.

The Audie Murphy Club is one of the U.S. Army's highest honor societies meant to award outstanding noncommissioned officers.

"Since the legacy of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club began at Fort Hood [Texas] in 1986, few NCOs have risen to the standards to receive this honor," said 2nd Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. James Benedict. "This is an honor I am humbled by, and I feel even more humble when looking at the careers of these great noncommissioned officers."

The ceremony began with a pageant of uniforms worn throughout the U.S.

Army's history, followed by the reading of Murphy and Paik's biographies.

"I am proud to witness this honor bestowed in the name of these two great leaders," Benedict said. "It is a testament to the professionalism of our Soldiers, and the success of our two armies in the alliance."

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-Command Sgt. Maj. James Benedict

Benedict also gave a few words of advice to leaders and future leaders in the audience.

"Leadership is our greatest combat multiplier, and Soldiers are our greatest commodity," Benedict said. "As leaders, our attitudes must remain consistent regarding training."

Benedict said Soldiers' welfare must always be the first concern.

"It is a heavy burden," he said, "but one we must all carry."

Many honorees felt gratitude or pride

for their award.

"It's truly an honor to be able to be here and receive this award directly from [Paik]," said Cpl. Lee Joon-mo, awardee. "He is one of the greatest figures in Korean military history."

Others felt humbled.

"This is unreal," said Sgt. Jennifer Siegal, inductee. "I feel like only yesterday I was raising my right hand to take the oath of enlistment."

Siegal said she felt disbelief at representing the Army and the entire noncommissioned officer corps as a member of the elite club.

Benedict said he hopes all 15 Soldiers inspire others to be all they can be.

"To each one of you I offer my heartfelt gratitude," he said. "Keep doing those things that led you here, and that make the U.S. and Republic of Korea armies a force feared by the enemies of democracy."

Benedict recalled an Audie Murphy quote, "I expect to see you leading from the front."

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Cell phones and driving put drivers at risk

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YONGSAN GARRISON — Cell phone distraction is linked to as many as 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries in the United States each year.

Studies find driving with a cell phone makes a person perform worse than undistracted drivers over 70 years old, or drunk drivers with a blood alcohol level exceeding 0.08.

Partly in response to these statistics, U.S. Forces Korea prohibits using cell phones while driving on or off military installations. The only exceptions are hands-free devices. This is slightly stricter than Defense Department guidelines allowing hands-free devices with earphones.

"Earphones or headphones have the potential to cause the driver to be unable to hear approaching emergency vehicles and therefore are not authorized for use while driving or operating any vehicle," reads USFK regulation 190-1.

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Black History Run

A Black History Month five-kilometer "Walk, Jog or Run" will be held tomorrow at Collier Field House. Register between 8:30-9:30 a.m. Race starts at 10 a.m. For information, call 736-7746.

Mask Training

Two-hour protective mask training will be held for all family members 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. For details, call 738-3658.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday services will be held 12:05 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Chapel on Yongsan Main Post and 6:30 p.m. at South Post Chapel. Stations of the Cross will be conducted at Memorial Chapel 5 p.m. Fridays March 3-April 7. For information, call 738-3011.

Talent Needed

Singers, dancers, poetry readers and others interested in participating in skits and presentations are needed for the March 28 Area II Women's History Month Observance. If interested, contact your unit Equal Opportunity advisor or call 738-5531.

Dr. Seuss Guest Readers

The Seoul American Elementary School needs guest readers to help celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss Thursday. Read for one-half hour between 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Books and striped hats will be provided. For information, call 736-4613.

June Jamboree

Volunteers are needed for registration, swimming, bowling, barbecue and fun-and-game activities during the Army Community Service June Jamboree. Also 100 "one-on-one buddies" are needed to accompany and offer encouragement to participating special needs students. The jamboree will be held June 2 at Yongsan Garrison. For information, call 738-5311.

Writer Wanted

The Area II Public Affairs Office has an opening for a volunteer writer to cover local news and features during the week. Though journalism experience is preferred, writing and photography training is available. For information, call 738-7354.

Baby sitters Available

Need a baby sitter? Child and Youth Services can provide a baby sitter referral list. All baby sitters are certified. For information, call 738-5556.

Case Worker Needed

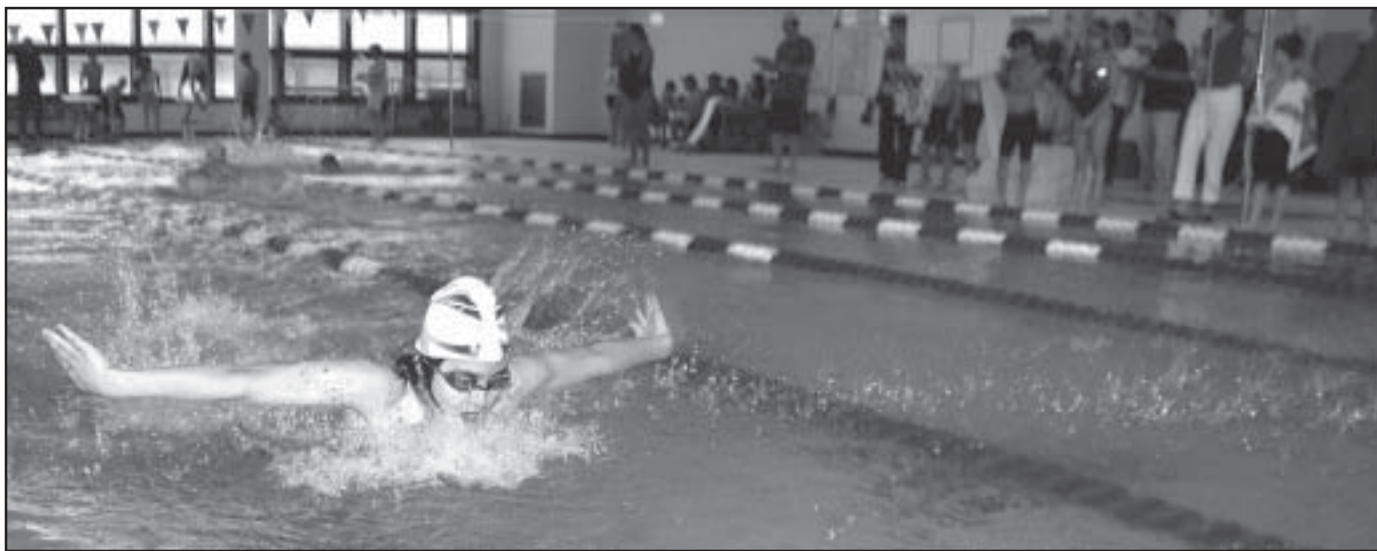
The American Red Cross is looking for a part-time after-hours case worker. Interested U.S. citizens may apply for this paid position. For information, call 738-3670.

On the Web

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Commander's Hotline

Area II community members who have questions or comments for the Area II commander can voice them by e-mailing areaitownhall@korea.army.mil or by calling 738-3484.



SGT. CHRISTOPHER SELMEK

A swimmer competes Saturday at the Seoul Foreign School Aquatics Center.

Youth swim team finishes indoor season

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

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YONGSAN GARRISON — Yongsan Child and Youth Services Middle School and Elementary School "Barracudas" swim teams finished their indoor season with a win against the Seoul Foreign School "Crusader Stingers," Saturday at the Seoul

Foreign School Aquatics Center.

The Barracudas edged out the Crusader Stingers by a mere 14 points, finishing with a combined team score 926-912. Barracuda Clara Heffernan led the girls with 40 points and a time of 30.22 seconds in the girl's 50-meter freestyle relay. Barracuda Johnathon Graham led the boys, also with 40 points.

"I'm just glad we had as good of a season as we did, and we certainly appreciated the length since it started in October," said Coach Regina Blanke. "We had a lot of kids improve their times, especially the young ones that needed to learn a new stroke or work to try and go

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Yongsan Commissary wins worldwide recognition

By Sgt. Seo Ki-chul

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YONGSAN GARRISON — The Defense Commissary Agency selected the Yongsan Commissary as the best overseas store in the 6th Annual Produce Merchandising Contest in 2005.

"The contest highlights the role our produce departments play in creating exciting shopping environments for our customers," said Scott Simpson, Defense Commissary Agency chief operating officer.

Simpson said this year's "Back-to-School" theme in the contest was meant not only to increase produce sales, but to educate customers about the healthy benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The contest is a major focus for 235 commissaries worldwide. Last year, the Yongsan produce staff collectively decided it was important for them to try hard for this award.

"For a long time, the Yongsan Commissary had got only recognition awards out of the contest," said Charles Cho, produce manager. "But this year, all of us were in agreement that we needed to be more active to satisfy our thirst for this honor."

Cho said strong teamwork enabled him to push the idea forward.

"The entire staff in the produce department did an excellent job," Cho said. "They didn't hesitate to spend additional time decorating various fruits and vegetables to draw customers' attention in the contest."

The two weeks of hard work resulted in a variety of grocery displays. The commissary held three major events last year, including a



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The Yongsan Commissary garners top honors in a worldwide competition.

watermelon-eating contest, a free photo section for children and distribution of informative flyers featuring creative tips and recipes for kid-friendly nutritious meals.

"We drew wide participation from all ages," said Kim Sun-tae, produce department assistant manager. "The school bus and mannequins made with broccoli, pumpkins and many other veggies became popular among youngsters who are mostly reluctant to have those kinds of foods during mealtime."

The Defense Commissary Agency rewarded produce managers from the five winning stores with a trip to attend a national produce marketing seminar and convention.

Cho will attend the meeting about new information on trends in the world produce market.

Cho said the produce department is currently focusing on pro-ecology agricultural products in order to make customer's health a first priority.

"We've been making a constant effort to meet customer needs for food safety by carrying local organic products at a competitive price instead of imported ones," Cho said.

Cho's goal is to provide the best possible shopping environment to his customers. He stressed the staff is always willing to correct any problem that makes customers uncomfortable.

"We owe it to you, now that we got this prize," Kim said to Yongsan shoppers. "Because of your constant patronage, we would like to offer the best products at the best price for your satisfaction."

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Oakland Raiderettes heat up Area II crowd

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

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YONGSAN GARRISON — Five Oakland Raiderette Cheerleaders heated up a packed room Feb. 15 in the Underground at the Main Post Club.

This was the Raiderettes final stop in a two-week tour of Korea and Japan.

“My favorite part of being a Raiderette is coming out here to bring a little bit of home to all of you,” said Raiderette Cyrina Ligh. “We’ve really had a wonderful time being out here, and I think it’s the least we can do when you willingly travel so far to serve your country.”

In between performances of synchronized dancing and athletic stunts each Raiderette came forward to talk a little bit about herself as well as her experiences on this tour.

“Being out here in Korea to meet the servicemembers and their families means a lot to me, especially coming from a military background,” said Raiderette Tiffany Buenaventura. “I love seeing you laugh together and look like your enjoying yourselves in the field, because it’s a different side from what you normally see in the field environment.”

Before coming on this trip, the cheerleaders experience with the military ranged from growing up with it, to none at all.

“I knew absolutely nothing about the military before I

came here and saw all the sacrifices you make every day,” said Raiderette Jenn Grijalva. “Now that I’ve witnessed what you go through, I don’t think I’ll ever see it the same way again.”

“You know it’s not every day you get to see me smile.”

-Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Witt



Oakland Raiderette Cheerleaders perform before a packed room Feb. 15 at the “Underground” in the Main Post Club.

The Raiderettes also got fans involved with several different events, like Raiders trivia and teaching volunteers from the audience to dance. Area II Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Witt even danced onstage.

“You know it’s not every day you get to see me smile,” Witt said.

After the final act, the Raiderettes sat down at a long table to sign autographs, making sure to spend several minutes talking to each person

who came through the line.

“We went to a different place every day, and I have to say I felt touched by every Soldier I met,” said Raiderette Lori O’Dell. “As I met the different men



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Area II Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Witt learns cheerleading steps from Raiderette Jenn Grijalva.

and women in uniform it really gave me a sense of why we’re here, and I feel I can appreciate that much more now.”

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Local youth invited to theater cast call

By David McNally

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YONGSAN GARRISON — Area II Child and Youth Services and the Missoula Children's Theatre are joining forces to bring a play to town March 11, starring local children.

The Montana-based theater group provides scenery, costumes, props, make-up and lighting – everything that is needed for a play, except for a cast.

“Both kids and adults look forward to this,” said Eskeletha Dorsey, Area II Child and Youth Services production manager, “It’s a wonderful production because it’s done by their peers.”

Dorsey said this is the fifth year Missoula Children's Theatre has produced a Yongsan play.

“In the past they presented the ‘Frog Prince’ and ‘Little Red Riding Hood,’” Dorsey said. “The play changes each year.”

Last year, 129 children from kindergarten to 12th grade auditioned for the play and 70 children were in the production. This year the company is looking to fill about 55 roles, including

assistant directors and helpers. An audition will be held March 6 in the Seoul American Elementary School Gymnasium.

The play is “Beauty Lou and the Country Beast: A Sagebrush Fairy Tale,” an original country-western adaptation of the “Beauty and the Beast” fairy tale.

The roles are Beauty Lou, Imaginary Friend, Beast, Dusty and Slim the farmhands, Fleabite Clyde the dog, the younger daughters, older daughters, country folk and barnyard critters.

“The audition is not a time to be shy,” Dorsey said. “When they ask you to scream your name and shout something, do it.”

Dorsey said the kids only have five days to prepare for the production.

“It’s a great opportunity because it is a unique experience,” she said.

The Yongsan youth will present the play at 2 and 7 p.m., March 11 at the Moyer Theatre.

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This regulation is similar to a Korean law that fines drivers a maximum 70,000 won for talking on a cell phone while operating a motorized vehicle.

Area II Safety Officer Jeffery Hyska said the policy makes sense.

“Even using a hands-free device distracts a little, but at least you have both hands free to steer and shift gears as needed,” he said. “It also makes sense to be able to listen to your conversation through the car’s audio system, rather than through ear-buds,

which have been known to impact your ability to hear sirens or another car’s horn.”

Hyska said he encourages drivers to discipline themselves even beyond the stated regulations. “Obviously, the best option is to pull over and stop before having a cell phone conversation,” he said. “If you can avoid it, you shouldn’t be trying to talk on your cell phone and drive at the same time.”

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a farther distance.”

Many of the coaches were thankful the invitational happened at all.

“Considering we started the season with zero meets on the schedule, I’m really glad everything turned out as well as it did,” said head coach Larry Shields.

The Barracudas ended up scheduling four meets, one each with Seoul Foreign School and Seoul International School, one tournament and one inter-squad competition, Shields said. Each occasion was organized entirely by the coaches and parent volunteers.

“Most importantly, we all improved our times over the course of the season,” Shields said.

Although the summer season doesn’t begin until June, many of the swimmers were already looking forward to their next chance to compete.

“I’m happy it’s over, but now it’s time to start training for the summer season,” said Barracuda Summer

Delgado. “It’s going to take just as much work to stay in shape over the spring as it did to practice during the season, but I’m going to keep going to the pool with my dad and working out.”

Delgado even admitted their defeat of Seoul International School several weeks ago still had her grinning. Many swimmers looked at their improvement as the brightest accomplishment of the season.

“I think my time dropped a lot this season, and even in this invitational,” said Barracuda Jason Liu. “I hope I can drop it even more next season. I’m looking forward to it.”

But for others, the greatest benefits were not from the exercise at all.

“The best part of this is the people I meet,” said Barracuda Sydney Shields. “I already feel like I have to go out for next season, and my friends are what’s going to keep bringing me back.”

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New Thrift Saving Plan provisions may effect taxes

Area III Legal Office

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

Saving for retirement is something that tends to give most people, myself included, a headache. We want our money to be there when we are older and need it, but we don't want to think – or do anything – about it right now.

The Thrift Savings Plan, a retirement and investment plan for Federal employees, recently updated the way you can contribute to your account, making saving for your retirement a little easier.

The TSP offers federal employees the same kind of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under “401(k)” retirement plans. The TSP is a defined contribution plan, meaning that the eventual income you receive from your account will depend largely upon how much you put into your account during your working years, and the investment earnings on those contributions.

The main benefit of the TSP is that the Internal Revenue Service treats it as a qualified trust, exempting it from taxation. That means the money you contribute to your TSP goes in before it is taxed by the government and is not included in your taxable gross income for the year in which the funds are contributed.

For example, if your annual income

is \$30,000 and you contribute \$5,000 to the TSP, the IRS will only tax you on \$25,000 gross income. The income earned by the account is then tax free and remains sheltered until you withdraw the funds after the age of 59-and-a-half.

The TSP also offers other benefits, among them low administrative and investment expenses, transfers or rollovers of eligible distributions back into the TSP, a variety of investment funds to choose from, immediate employee contributions, and in-service withdrawals for financial hardship.

Starting Jan. 1, the TSP instituted some changes to provide more flexibility in determining how you can contribute to your account. Unlike in previous years, the TSP no longer requires that a percentage be placed on your pay limits, meaning that you decide how much or how little of your paycheck goes into your account. You can now withhold up to 85 percent of your base pay, which will automatically process without delay, although your account will be manually reviewed to ensure that any mandatory deductions (FICA, Medicare, ect.) are properly identified and deducted before deriving the maximum percentage available for your TSP base pay election.

This can prove beneficial because you may elect to make larger

contributions early in the year to begin maximizing your earnings. Although the IRS still limits the contribution to your TSP to a maximum of \$15,000 per year, there is no longer a limit on the percentage of your paycheck that you can choose to save.

The TSP now also includes a catch-up contribution provision. If you are, or will be age 50 or older in 2006, and contribute the IRS limit of \$15,000, you can make additional catch-up contributions of up to \$5,000 this year. You can sign up for catch-up contributions at any time by turning in a Form TSP-U-1-C, but you must elect to renew and make the catch-up-

contribution for each calendar year.

TSP additionally gives its contributors a tax credit. If you contributed to your TSP during the tax year 2005, you may be eligible for the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit, which is available to participants with an adjusted gross income of no more than \$50,000 (married filing jointly), or \$37,500 (head of household), or \$24,000 (single or married filing separately).

Remember, the TSP is but one of many good ways to save for your retirement. For information regarding the TSP or other retirement plans, consult with your finance office.

Tax benefits abound for military members

The tax laws provide for some special benefits for active members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Among these advantages is the ability to qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit if you are currently serving, or have served in a combat zone within the past year. Additionally, the IRS gives tax breaks for contributions to a retirement savings account and may allow you to exclude from your gross income the profit made from the sale of your home within the past year.

The EITC is a tax credit for certain people who work and have earned income under \$35,458. A tax credit usually means more money in your pocket, plus it reduces the amount of tax you owe and may also give you a refund.

Members of the Military in higher tax brackets, who served in a combat zone in 2005, may find that they are eligible for the EITC for the first time because their earned income is lower and no longer exceeds the limit. Likewise, military personnel in lower tax brackets can elect to have their nontaxable combat pay included in earned income in order to have enough qualified income to receive the EITC.

For information or to determine eligibility, contact the local tax assistance center.

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The Family Stone --

The Stones, a New England family, have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his parents, brothers and sisters. The bohemian Stones greet their visitor—a high-powered, controlling New Yorker—with a mix of awkwardness, confusion and hostility. Before the holiday is over, relationships will unravel while new ones are formed, secrets will be revealed, and the family Stone will come together through its extraordinary capacity for love.



Annapolis -- When he won a coveted admission spot to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, local kid Jake Huard thought all his dreams had come true - but his battle to become the man he wants to be is only just the beginning. Now, uncertain if a regular kid from a poor blue collar family can fit into the Academy's pressure-cooker atmosphere, and barely making the grade as a Freshman "plebe," Jake has one last shot at proving he has what it takes to become an officer in an institution that boasts a venerable 137-year history of focused discipline and determined excellence.



Chronicles of Narnia

--The book tells the story of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, who are separated from their parents in London during the German air raids of World War II. They are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia, a once peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs and giants. However, Narnia has been frozen by the evil White Witch, and the kids must help the lion Aslan break her spell.



Firewall -- Jack is a bank security expert, whose specialty is designing infallible theft-proof financial computer systems. But there's a hidden vulnerability in the system he didn't account for - himself. When a ruthless criminal mastermind kidnaps his family, Jack is forced to find a flaw in his system and steal \$100 million. With the lives of his wife and children at stake and under constant surveillance he has only hours to find a loophole in the thief's own impenetrable system of subterfuge and false identities to beat him at his own game.



Glory Road -- The inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, with history's first all-African American starting lineup of players, who took the country by storm, surprisingly winning the 1966 NCAA tournament title. Josh Lucas stars as Hall of Famer Don Haskins, the passionately dedicated college basketball coach that changed the history of basketball with his team's victory in this time



When a Stranger Calls -- While babysitting, a high school student is terrorized by a stranger who calls her, asking "have you checked the children lately?" The police eventually notify her the calls are coming from inside the house.

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Loving Soldiers key to becoming good leader

By Chaplain (Capt.) Byong K. Min

Camp Long Chapel

One day, when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him and said, “Lord, one of my servants is sick and is suffering terribly.”

Jesus said, “OK, that is not a problem I will go and heal him. Lead the way man.”

He said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.

But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with Soldiers under me. I tell Lt. Brown, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and Sgt. Smith, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my Soldiers, ‘Do this,’ and they do it.”

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to the centurion,

“Hey, you are the man. You have a great faith. Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.”

And his servant was healed at that very hour.

I would like to highlight one point in this short story. The Centurion had a love for others. Think about this: when people came to Jesus, most of them came to Jesus for their needs. But this guy came to Jesus not because of his own need but because of his servant who was suffering and was paralyzed.

Since I have joined the U.S. Army as a chaplain, I hear about commanders from my Soldiers. When they talk about their commanders, I find one interesting thing. Basically, this is what they talk about. Who is a good commander? Who is a bad commander? Especially, when the commanders leave or PCS, they evaluate their commanders.

But, you know what? What is the standard for a good commander or a bad commander? Soldiers did not care whether the commander was smart or not. Soldiers did not care whether the commander

was rich or not. Soldiers did not care whether the commander was good looking or not. But the Soldier does care whether the commander has love or not.

When they found that the commander cared about them, they said he was a good commander or he was the best commander they ever had. The Soldier may not remember the commander who was very smart.

Soldiers may forget the commander who was good looking like Tom Cruise. But they will not forget the commander who loved the Soldier.

The point is that love is the key to all human relationships. I would like to encourage everyone to become like that ancient centurion who had love in his heart.

(Editor’s Note: The exchange at the beginning of this article was paraphrased from Matthew 8: 5-13.)

Area III Worship Services									
Eastern Orthodox						2 p.m.		Camp Eagle Chapel	
Saturday 6 p.m.			Freedom Chapel			Gospel			
Protestant						Sunday 1 p.m.		Freedom Chapel	
Collective						Wednesday 7 p.m.		Freedom Chapel	
Sunday 10:30 a.m.			Camp Humphreys'			Contemporary			
			Zoeckler Station Chapel			Sunday 6 p.m.		Freedom Chapel	
11 a.m.			Camp Humphreys'			Catholic			
			Freedom Chapel,			KATUSA			
			Camp Long Chapel,			Tuesday 7 p.m.		Freedom Chapel	
			Suwon Air Base Chapel						

Girl Scouts celebrate World Thinking Day

By Sgt. Jimmy Norris and
Cpl. Park, Myung Joon

19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

DAEGU -- Almost 200 Korean and American Girl Scouts gathered at Daebong Elementary School in Daegu Feb. 12 to celebrate the 6th Annual World Thinking Day, an event commemorating the mutual birthdays of Girl Scout founders Lord Baden Powell and his wife Olave.

The event featured instruction in crafts, folk dancing and a sampling of some traditional Korean foods.

"Thinking Day is a day for Girl Scouts all over the country to come together and think about other Girl Scouts from around the world," said Lee Sang-hui, executive director of the Daegu Girl Scouts. "This being the 60th anniversary of the event, we wanted to incorporate the U.S. Girl Scouts from Camp Walker to create an interchange of friendship during the program."

The event began with a flag ceremony, followed by the Thinking Day Fund March, a traditional monetary contribution to the World Association of Girl Scouts. The Thinking Day Fund is used to spread scouting to girls throughout the world.

After the formal portion of the event, the Girl Scouts formed small groups to make bracelets and jegi chagi, a Korean toy made of tissue paper that works like a hacky sack.

When the crafts were made, they broke for lunch, featuring several traditional Korean foods, including kimbab, hangwa, tuk and dukbokgi.

After lunch, the girls learned Milyang Arirang, a traditional Korean folk dance. They ended the event by exchanging gifts then holding a closing ceremony.

Many of the girls present said they enjoyed the event.

"I really wanted to meet Americans at this event. This was a good chance to meet foreigners and



PHOTOS BY SGT. JIMMY NORRIS

U.S. Girl Scouts from Camp Walker demonstrate a dance that they prepared for Thinking Day in front of the Korean Girl Scouts from the Daegu Area.

I'm having a good time," said Hong Seon-jeong, age 13, Jindallae Troop 1.

"We got to meet new people from a different culture. They taught us what they knew and we taught them what we knew. It was fun," said Amber De Los Santos, age 12, Troop 45.

According to Lee, the Girl Scouts from both Korea and the United States are planning more joint activities in the future to promote cultural exchange.

The next planned activity, she said, will be a picnic in March. The girls will also get together in April to plant trees on Arbor Day.



Sarah Gresser, Girl Scout Troop 46, 14 years old, shows Jung So Hui, a Daegu Girl Scout, age 13, how to make bracelets during craft time.



Sgt. Erica McCullom, an assistant cadet leader with the Girl Scouts, practices the Milyang Arirang Dance, which is Korean Traditional Folk Dance, with Lim KyungHui, leader of Jindallae Troop 5.



CPL. PARK MYUNG JOON

Korean Girl Scouts from Daegu Area display the Thinking Day commemorative cake, that represents both U.S. and Korean Girl Scouts.



Blaze Johnson, Girl Scout Troop 17, 8 years old, and Park Nalea, Jindallae Troop 5, 13 years old, have a good time making jegi chagi, a Korean toy made of tissue paper that works like a hacky sack.



Reunion in Korea Deadline

The deadline for sign up to Reunion in Korea's April 17-20 tour is Saturday. Flights, hotels and tours are all included in the program. For information, visit www.uso.org/korea.

Bears Town Ski Trip Saturday

Area I Community Activity Centers are offering a ski trip to Bears Town Ski Resort, Saturday. Spend a day on the slopes with your friends and family at the Bears Town Ski Resort. You can rent everything you need at the site. Dress for the weather and enjoy a fun-filled winter day in Korea. Transportation cost is \$10; ski lift pass is 50,000 won; snowboard and ski rental is 30,000 won. The bus departs the Camp Casey CAC at 7 a.m., Camp Red Cloud CAC at 8 a.m. and Camp Stanley CAC at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 732-6190.

MWR Arts & Crafts Contest

The deadline to submit entries to the 8th U.S. Army Arts & Crafts Contest, hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is April 15. There will be a novice & experienced group for all categories: ceramics, wood, fibers & textiles, glass, metals & jewelry, drawings, prints, water base painting, oil base painting, mixed media - 2D, & mixed media - 3D. Submissions can be sent to the host, Yongsan Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg 4253 on South Post.

USO Seeks Operations Manager

USO is seeking a center operations manager for the Camp Humphreys USO. This is a full-time position with benefits. Responsibilities include the management and supervision of the Camp Humphreys USO day to day operations. Applicant must be detail oriented, reliable, self-motivated, and a team player. Applicant should have management experience in retail and/or tour operations. Strong skills in communication, word processing, spreadsheets and Internet applications essential. Ability to obtain a USFK drivers license needed. Must be able to prioritize workload and work independently. Must have or possess the ability to acquire SOFA Status. Knowledge of the military community is a distinct advantage. BA in Business Administration/Management or equivalent experience desired. Resumes may be emailed to dempseyG@korea.army.mil or usokorea22@kornet.net, faxed to 723-4106 or mailed to USO Korea, PSC 303, Box 53, APO AP 96204. Submission deadline is Tuesday.

BOSS offers bargains, culture over long weekend

MWR Marketing

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Forty-three single and unaccompanied Soldiers from throughout the U.S. Forces Korea family enjoyed a unique cultural experience during the USFK/Korea Region Office BOSS Kyongju Bargain weekend.

Over the long President's Day weekend, the participants enjoyed five cultural tours including the Kyongju National Museum, featuring artifacts from the ancient Shilla dynasty, and the underwater tomb of King Munmu, who unified the three Korean kingdoms into a single Kingdom. The group also visited the Sokkuram Grotto and witnessed several Buddhist prayer services in progress, during the Saturday-Monday Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers event.

The Concord Hotel played host, serving five buffet-style meals and providing four-star hotel amenity services. Many participants praised the professional tour guide company and KORO BOSS team for providing such an outstanding event for the bargain price of \$99, that included round trip



COURTESY PHOTO

Soldiers pose for a photo at the Kyongju National Museum during the BOSS Kyongju Bargain Weekend Saturday thru Monday.

bus transportation.

This event is one of several trips offered each year by the KORO BOSS program, responsible for all of the installation and area BOSS programs in Korea.

For information on the Army BOSS program and upcoming activities sponsored by the group, go to the KORO BOSS MWR Web site at <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/boss.htm> and find out what's going on in your area.



PHOTOS BY AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. JOSEF COLE

Diamond in the ROK

Above: Jimi Olander, Dana Williams, Gene Johnson and Marty Roe of country band Diamond Rio play their hearts out for members of the 8th Fighter Wing, based at Kunsan Air Base. Diamond Rio made their first stop at Kunsan as they sweep through the Pacific playing for servicemembers. The band's tour to Korea is being sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Installation Management Agency, Korea Region Office, and Air Force Services Division.

At Left: (from left) Gene Johnson and Marty Roe of the Academy of Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year, Diamond Rio, sing their greatest hits for members of Kunsan Air Base's 8th Fighter Wing. Diamond Rio made their first stop at Kunsan before performing at Camp Casey, Camp Humphreys and Yongsan Garrison.



Environmental compliance officers train at Humphreys

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Another 11 Soldiers joined the “Environmental Compliance Officer” brotherhood trained by Dr. David Johnson and the Environmental Office staff at Humphreys Department of Public Works, when they completed 40 hours of training Friday.

“We’ve put more than 120 trained Soldiers into the field since we started last year,” said Johnson.

The class is 40 hours of classroom and practical application training on how to manage a unit’s environmental program, and how to limit damage in the event of environmental contamination.

“I requested the class,” said Sgt. Clinton Mercer, Company E, 2-52nd General Support Aviation Battalion.

“I’ve been put in charge of the hazardous materials for my unit and needed to learn how to do the job.”

“Dr. Johnson and his crew do a good job with the class,” said Pfc. Dil Uhlin, 348th Quartermaster Company Motorpool environmental compliance officer. “I took the course in October and have been doing the job since. If I run up on something I don’t know or need advice on, all I have to do is e-mail or call. The environmental office staff are always ready to help out.”

“We don’t expect people with this level of training to take care of cleaning up a major hazardous liquid spill,” said Johnson. “We have people who are trained to do things like that safely.”

“The people we’re training here can do program paperwork, know how to store hazardous materials,



Sgt. Clinton Mercer, Company E, 2/52 General Support Aviation Battalion, places a drip pan beneath a tactical vehicle during Friday's Environmental Compliance Officer class.

can place orders and order pickup on contaminated or used material. They also know the basic steps in dealing with environmental contamination and how to limit damage.”

One source of environmental contamination is hazardous liquid spills. “We want the environmental compliance officer to know how to deal with small spills,” said Johnson. “We want him or her to know the mechanics of keeping a spill confined to a small area, how to limit water contamination and how to do it safely.”

“If a barrel of cleaning fluid overturns in a hangar, our trainees know how to deploy booms, pads and pillows to stop the spill from spreading and start to clean it up,” he continued. “If a hydraulic system springs a leak in the field and gets to surface water, our

people know how to stop the contamination before it spreads further.”

There is a requirement for every command level from company to brigade, of every unit, to have an environmental compliance officer. “We’re working to ensure that goal is achieved,” said Johnson.



348th Quartermaster Company Environmental Compliance Officer Pfc. Dil Uhlin has been using the information from the course since completing it in October.



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

Dr. David Johnson (left center), Area III environmental officer, explains that water is denser allowing petroleum products to float. This enables a “siphon dam” (inflow from below the contamination layer) to be used to prevent the spread of petroleum contaminates in surface water. A sandbag dam constructed with one or more pipes angled to intake water this way and to expel it on the other side of the dam, will prevent the spread of the contaminant.

‘Band of Brothers’ vets, actors visit Humphreys

By F. Neil Neeley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Four veterans of “Easy” Company, 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division; and two of the actors who portrayed them in the HBO series “Band of Brothers” met with about 40 Soldiers and airmen for lunch and autographs here at the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Dining Facility Feb 15 during a USO-sponsored tour.

Veterans Don Malarkey, Buck Compton, Earl McClung and Darrel “Shifty” Powers were joined by actors James Madio and Eion Bailey.

The group was joined by four World War II reenactors from Osan Air Base, led by Master Sgt. Mark Wood, 7th Air Force Security Forces. Powers, first through the door, paused to admire their costumes and to examine Wood’s M1 Garand rifle. “It feels great to see them,” he said. “Those guys make me feel just like I was at home, boots and all.”

Rachel Tischler, director of entertainment, USO World Headquarters explained how the tour came about. “The

manager for the veterans contacted me in June with the idea of bringing the band of brothers on tour,” Tischler said. “I told him that I thought it would be a wonderful idea. They are exceptional human beings and I thought the troops would really respond to them.”

Tischler was right. The vets and actors were received with enthusiasm here.

“This is truly an honor for me,” said 2nd Lt. Nathan Zhan, 607th Combat Support Flight at Humphreys. “I feel like I’m a kid at a concert seeing my favorite band. I told them that I thank them for everything that they did in Europe for us in World War II. It makes me truly proud to be a member of the service right now.”

The admiration wasn’t all one-sided. “We four represent the heartland of America,” said Compton. “It chokes me up every time I talk to you people. You are the people who stood up when we needed you. We are for you all the way.”



F. NEIL NEELEY

Sgt. Billy Raines, C Company, 2-52 General Support Aviation Battalion Medical Supply chats with Darrel “Shifty” Powers, one of the original Band of Brothers Feb. 15.

NEWS & NOTES

Black History Month Celebration

Humphreys Black History Month Celebration will take place at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the MultiPurpose Training Facility.

It's Time to Play Ball

Child and Youth Services is looking for baseball coaches for the Spring 2006 season. All coaches must have completed a background check prior to the start of the season. For information, call 753-8507.

Free Turbo Tax Software

Soldiers and family members can use militaryonesource.com to access free Turbo Tax income tax filing software. Complete information is included in the January 2006 Military OneSource newsletter.

High Occupancy Lanes

Bus lanes on the Gyeongbu Expressway are restricted to buses or vans carrying more than six passengers Saturday, Sunday and on holidays. Saturdays the lanes are restricted between Seoul and Shintanjin, and Daejeon in both directions 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Traffic is restricted Sunday and holidays from Shintanjin to Seoul from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.; and from Seoul to Shintanjin from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Family Kite Festival Set

Buyong Korean Elementary School holds its 20th annual Kite Flying Festival at 10 a.m. Saturday. The first 100 registered get a kite and lunch. Take the number 20 bus from Humphreys gate. Get off at the school. To register, send Full Name, Unit and Phone Number by e-mail to chongcgs@korea.army.mil or phone 753-6130. If it rains Saturday, the event will be held Sunday.

Company-Level Volleyball under way

Enter your company's team by Tuesday to participate in the company-level volleyball league. The first coaches meeting is at noon March 2. Preseason Tournament will be March 4-5, Season starts March 7. For information, call 753-8811.

United Club sets March meeting

Humphreys United Club meets next at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Alaska Mining Company. Come for a pasta dinner and silent auction. The theme will be "make it, bake it, grow it or sew it." Bidding on a variety of different and handcrafted items starts at 7 p.m. Donated items are encouraged.

TMCW Submissions

To submit items to The Morning Calm Weekly's Area III News & Notes, call 753-6132. Provide the time, location and specifics for all events. Deadline for submission is Friday prior to publication.

Mask Master

Staff Sgt. Phil Charles, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area III Support Activity, helps 7-year-old Jordan Diamond adjust the fit of a protective hood during a training session at the Camp Humphreys Education Center Feb. 15. Charles, nuclear, biological and chemical protection NCOIC, held training in the use of gas mask, hood and infant protection gear for Area III SA Soldiers, family members and civilians Feb. 14 and 15.



ROGER EDWARDS

President's Day 5K attracts 68 runners

CAMP HUMPHREYS – A total of 68 runners turned out Monday for the annual President's Day 5K Run at Camp Humphreys gym.

Headquarters, 23rd ASG, 2-52 GSAB, 516th PSB and 2nd CAB each earned streamers by running the 5K as a unit.

First place finishers were:

Women's Senior
Stacy-Ann Gordon
516th PSB

Women's Open
Patricia Greer
3/6th CAV

Men's Master
Raymond Mortillo
249th MP

Men's Senior
Josep Williams
51 MIDOS
Men's Open
Neal Bickell
607th CBCS

For information regarding future runs and sporting events, call 753-8807.

ICE draws comments, questions, compliments

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – This column focuses on representative questions submitted to the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, terminals in Area III.

1. Where oh where are my AAFES products?

AAFES knows the Camp Humphreys main store does not meet all customer merchandise assortment and selection needs. The primary reason is the current facility, completed in 2003, is already too small to meet the needs of Camp Humphreys growing community. In an effort to address these needs, Camp Humphreys AAFES created a "Shuttle Program." With the shuttle program, customers of one exchange request delivery of items stocked at our larger exchanges. Please talk to AAFES customer service and Exchange associates for details regarding this valuable customer service program.

In the near future, AAFES also plans to gain 3,000 square feet of space in the Camp Humphreys' Main Exchange by moving the shoppette merchandise category to a nearby building. This will allow your PX to expand categories and increase merchandise selection.

Information provided by Steven Ryle, Exchange Business Manager.

2. Commissary hours – a need to feed later in the evening.

In response to customer suggestions, the Camp Humphreys Commissary will test staying open until 8 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 1. Actual customer use will determine if this will be a permanent change.

Information provided by Kim Aeran, commissary manager.

3. Gasping at gas prices – why AAFES gas stations and the Camp Humphreys' retail fuel point prices are different. And what about those operating hours?

Camp Humphreys is one of several installations in Korea without an AAFES gas station. To provide fuel services where there are no AAFES gas stations, the Army allows installation commanders to grant exceptions to policy which allow authorized DoD ID cardholders to purchase fuel for their personal vehicles at retail fuel points. Retail fuel points are normally for official government vehicles only.

However, the fuel price at retail fuel points is based upon the Defense Energy Support Center and DoD Standard Price of Fuel. The standard price of fuel is not a current marketplace price. Therefore, it is not entirely accurate to compare the DoD standard price of fuel with the price of fuel at the AAFES service station.

The reason for the difference is the government "hedges," or contracts for fuel well into the future to lock in a price it is guaranteed the entire year. Therefore, in some cases the price is higher, as it is now, and sometimes the price is lower, as it was last calendar year (we didn't get any complaints back then). To cover the government's manpower cost to supervise the retail fuel point, the price also includes a small service charge.

Opening the retail fuel point to DoD ID cardholders is a secondary mission for the Directorate of Logistics. Limited manpower means DOL cannot operate retail fuel points for extended hours. To address previous customer suggestions, the fuel point closes Thursday mornings

and those hours are reallocated to Saturday mornings.

AAFES is planning to build two gas stations at Camp Humphreys though no definite date is set.

Information provided by Rick Slawson, Directorate of Logistics and Chief Warrant Officer Paul Barnes, TMP motor officer.

4. Smiling face brings customers to the airfield snack bar – it's nice to get positive ICE comments.

Sim Sung-chun has worked at the snack bar in Building 511 for eight years and she knows her customers and her business. She knows who likes extra mayo and who wants to hold the pickles. She enjoys being busy and says it gives her energy to serve the increasing number of customers her great customer service attracts.

Sim said pancakes and omelets are her breakfast specialties and she can cook up a mean Philly cheese steak for lunch. Thanks to Sim for her hard work and we appreciate those who took the time to recognize her with complimentary ICE comments.



Sim Sung-chun

Z-Station barracks move closer to occupancy

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The new barracks at Zoeckler Station are another step closer to occupancy.

“We’re moving furniture into the rooms,” said Lance Guyton, Furniture Management Office director. “When the Soldiers are ready to move in, the rooms will be ready for them.”

Each of the two new barracks is designed to house 204 Soldiers in 102 rooms, providing each Soldier with 90 square feet of space. “The rooms are going to be nicely furnished,” Guyton said. “In addition to a bunk, each Soldier will have a desk and chair, a lockable television and entertainment armoire, two three-drawer ‘bachelor’ chests, a lamp and a lockable hanging garments closet. They will share a microwave oven and refrigerator, and each room is wired for separate telephone and television/internet cable connections.

“The rooms even have their own, separate climate control,” said Guyton. “I think the Soldiers living here will be very comfortable.”

In addition to the rooms, Guyton’s team is also furnishing each building’s laundry room, dayroom and kitchenette.

“Residents of each building will have access to the 16 washers and 26 dryers in the laundry room,” he said. “The kitchenettes are being equipped with a 21-cubic-foot refrigerator, 30-inch electric stove and two dining tables with four chairs each.

“We’re outfitting the two dayrooms with a pool table each, a large-screen television and darts,” he said. “Each will also have sofas, two lounge chairs, a coffee table, end tables and card tables with chairs.”

There’s still a lot of landscaping and paving to be done before people actually move in. According to Hubert Tharrington, Construction Administration and Inspection chief at the Area III Directorate of Public Works, current weather conditions have things on hold for right now.

“We can’t really do any paving in freezing weather,” he said, “and it’s tough to landscape a property when there’s snow on the ground or rain has turned it into mud. We’ll get back at it as soon as the weather breaks and expect to turn the building over for occupancy sometime in mid to late March.”



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

Lance Guyton, Humphreys Furniture Management Office director, inspects installed furniture in one of the rooms in the new Zoeckler Station barracks.



A contract crew offloads mirrors destined for Soldier rooms in the new Zoeckler Station barracks. Each building (below) will house 204 Soldiers and the complex features a dining facility between the buildings.



Valentine Vittles



ROGER EDWARDS

Servers Pfc. Lae Joon-sung, Staff Sgt. Darrick Diggs and Pvt. Trisha Frisbee dish out shrimp, lobster tails, crab legs, steak and chicken for enthusiastic diners at the Pegasus Grill Dining Facility on Saint Valentine's Day. Diggs is a Pegasus Grill shift leader, while both Lae and Frisbee are augmentees from the 194th Maintenance Battalion.



NANCY TURNER

Computer Tutor

Parent volunteer Jeanna Smith helps second grader Jazreel McMahan type his composition into Microsoft Word on a laptop in his classroom. Humphreys American Elementary School's first-second grade multiage classroom has a laptop computer for each student.

EO Representative Course prepares Soldiers

Participants return to units, pass on knowledge, train additional individuals

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – In the global community in which we live, understanding other cultures is more important than ever. This is particularly significant for Soldiers on the peninsula who deal with a diverse cross-section of both American and Korean citizens.

Equal opportunity has become an integral part of the Army, and as such, qualified unit equal opportunity representatives are always needed – particularly here in Korea where the rotation rate remains high.

The Equal Opportunity Representative Course is the tool used to train unit Equal Opportunity representatives, who then go on to teach unit members about equal opportunity, cultural awareness and other topics. They also function as liaisons between individuals who wish to lodge an EO complaint, the chain of command and other officials.

The class is taught quarterly in Area IV and includes not only U.S. Soldiers, but Korean Augmentee to the United States Army Soldiers. In the continental United States, the class is open to staff sergeants through first lieutenants. In Korea, U.S. Soldiers from sergeant through first lieutenant can partake. In addition, KATUSAs from private first class to sergeant can attend. The most recent Area IV iteration, held Feb. 6–17 at the Camp Henry Education Center, consisted of 28 participants.



GALEN PUTNAM

Sgt. Roger Olson, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion, Camp Walker, conducts a discussion period following his group's presentation.

“Education helps minimize inappropriate behavior. This training also helps graduates monitor traits and trends within their units,” said Master Sgt. Sandra Gaston, Area IV equal opportunity representative. “This is a diverse group of students and that gives them the opportunity to learn from each other. That is particularly important for the Korean students who might not understand a lot of our issues.”

The class, broken into eight groups, received training on a variety of topics such as complaint processing procedures, command climate surveys, EO regulations and more. In addition, each group was assigned a cultural topic such as Black history or Jewish culture. Each group then made presentations on their topics to their classmates in a formal setting. Each briefing was followed by a question-and-answer session.

“This class makes you more open to other cultures and understand qualities within yourself you might not have been aware of,” said Staff Sgt. Joseph Williams, Company B, 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll. “It is important to learn to listen to people without judging. It is important to know the person first and understand where they are coming from before you make any judgments. With classes like this, the Army is moving in the right direction for the future.”

Other participants valued the training as well.

“This class was very informative to me. Now I understand why the EO Section is so important to the Army,” said Cpl. Lee Young-sik, from the Personnel Section, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) on Camp Henry. “I have not been abroad, only to Korea, so understanding other cultures is very important. I will be the next senior KATUSA in my unit so I will be able to share with other KATUSAs the knowledge I learned here – particularly if they have an EO situation.”

For information about the course, or to inquire about future class dates, call Gaston at 768-8972.

Pleased To Meet You



GALEN PUTNAM

Pvt. Jeremy J. Chapman, assigned to the 57th Military Police Company at Camp Carroll, receives an autograph from Tiffany B., a member of the Raiderettes, the cheerleading squad for the Oakland Raiders. The Raiderettes also met with Soldiers from the 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion and performed at the Community Activities Center during their visit Feb. 14.

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Area IV Hot Jobs

Army Community Service announces the following employment opportunities positions are available: Tae kwon do and gymnastics instructors at Child and Youth Service. Applications will be accepted until March 10; program coordinator, University of Phoenix, Camp Henry, closing date is March 6; field office assistant, American Red Cross, open until filled; manager for Apple Blossom Cottage on Camp Carroll, open until filled. For information about these opportunities, call Lettie Villarosa at 768-7951.

Teen Lock-In Planned

Club Beyond is sponsoring an Area IV Teen Lock-in, which will begin at 5 p.m. March 3 and end at 7:30 a.m. March 4, at K-2 Air Base. Transportation is scheduled to depart at 5 p.m. from the Camp Walker Soldiers' Memorial Chapel and return by 7:30 a.m. Permission slips, signed by guardians, are required and are available at the chapel. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday. For information, call Julie Coy at 010-8695-4416.

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Camp Carroll Post Office Hours

New hours at the Camp Carroll Post Office are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For training holidays the hours are 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For information, contact 1st Lt. Desiree Dirige at 764-4162.

Employment Readiness Program

Army Community Service is offering the following employment readiness programs: 10 a.m. – noon, Wednesday, Hands-on RESUMIX Training; 3 – 4 p.m., March 8, RESUMIX Writing Techniques Workshop; and 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., March 13–14, Power Point class. For information, call Lettie Villarosa at 768-7951.

Carroll Fitness Center Closure

Camp Carroll's Crown Jewel Fitness Center will be closed all day Wednesday. The facility will also be closed from 5:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. today and Thursday. For information, contact Glenn Groome at 765-7230.

PSB Field Training Exercise

Charlie Detachment, 516th Personnel Services Battalion, and the postal offices will be conducting a field training exercise March 5-9 and will be operating at minimum staffing. For information, call 1st Sgt. Tirrell Hickman at 768-7899.

West Point Founder's Day Dinner

West Point graduates and guests are invited to attend the 2006 West Point Founder's Day Dinner, which will be March 4 at Dragon Hill Lodge, in the Naija Ballroom. A Benny Havens Social Hour starts at 6 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$25 per person. For information, contact Lt. Col. Doug Boltuc at 723-6153 or BoltucD@korea.army.mil.

Girl Scouts Collecting Kid's Meal Toys

Through March 3, Area IV Girl Scouts are conducting "Operation Pocket Present" in which they will be collecting small toys, such as those associated with restaurant "Kid's Meals," "Beanie Babies" or others, to send to Soldiers on patrol in Iraq to hand out to children. Donated toys should be small enough to fit in the Soldiers' uniform pockets. Collection boxes are located at the Main Post Exchange and the Scout Hut (Bldg. 215) on Camp Walker and the Camp Henry Food Court. For information, contact Brittany Weigle at 764-4085 or Brittany.weigle@us.army.mil.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HOOVER

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ganaway of Camp Carroll defeated Staff Sgt. Arthur Schuenke, also of Camp Carroll, when the referee stopped the contest at the one-minute mark of the first round during action at the 2006 Crown Jewel Boxing Invitational at Camp Carroll Saturday.

Crown Jewel boxing tourney a gem

By Steven Hoover

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP CARROLL – Super Heavyweight bouts dominated the card here Saturday night at the 2006 Crown Jewel Boxing Invitational at Crown Jewel Fitness Center, before an estimated crowd of more than 600 people.

A total of 11 fights, including one exhibition between female participants, were contested.

The results were: Light welterweight (132-140 lbs.) – Senior Airman Michael Limiac of Kunsan Air Base defeated Spc. Kevin Garcia of Camp Carroll by Referee Stops Contest at 1:35 of the first round.

Middleweight (165-177 lbs.): Spc. Dani Sheninger of Camp Humphreys scored a RSC over Spc. Joseph Franklin of Camp Carroll at 58 seconds of the first round. Also in the division, Camp Stanley's Staff Sgt. Juan Bruno defeated Sgt. Jason Teal of Camp Carroll by RSC at 59 seconds of the first round.

Light Heavyweight (178-200 lbs.):

Spc. Darryl Colbourne of Camp Carroll scored a RSC over Kunsan's Senior Airman Anthony Ruy, at 1:56 of the first round. Staff Sgt. Rene "Lando" Aleman, of Camp Stanley, defeated Sgt. Michael Carroll, of Camp Carroll, by RSC at 1:24 of the second round.

Super Heavyweight (200 lbs.-plus): Camp Carroll dominated this division, with seven boxers, four of which were winners. Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ganaway, of Camp Carroll, defeated Staff Sgt. Arthur Schuenke, also of Camp Carroll, by RSC at 1:00 of the first round. In a second battle of Camp Carroll Soldiers, Spc. John Forrester defeated Sgt. Wesley Cook by RSC at 31 seconds of the third round. Spc. Julio Ramos of Camp Carroll, defeated Senior Airman David Nunez of Camp Humphreys by RSC at 1:03 in the first round.

In what turned out to be the most evenly fought contest of the night, Camp Carroll's Spc. Ricky Clay defeated Sgt. Robert Flores of Camp Walker by unanimous decision, 3-0.



Referee, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Ryan, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), goes over preflight rules with (left) Staff Sgt. Rene "Lando" Aleman of Camp Stanley, and Sgt. Michael Carroll of Camp Carroll before their fight.

The main event featured the reigning 8th U.S. Army Heavyweight Champion and All-Army Boxing semifinalist, Spc. Alan Quartey of Camp Walker, against Camp Carroll's Spc. Jason Gonzales. Quartey won the fight impressively, with a RSC at 1:20 of the first round.

An exhibition fight between 1st Lt. Agnes Chu of Camp Humphreys and Sgt. April Tessmer, also from of Camp Humphreys, was scored a draw.

Sgt. Jennifer Rogge, assigned to the 36th Signal Battalion and the head coach of the Camp Carroll Boxing Club since 2004, was recognized for her efforts in running the club and helping to make the boxing invitational a success.

"I think we had a great turn out of fans and a lot of new fighters came out to participate," Rogge said. "Of the new fighters, it was clear who trained and who just showed up to brawl. I'm proud of all the participants for having the courage to get in there."

"As for the more experienced fighters," Rogge continued, "Ricky Clay put on a great show against a very experienced opponent. I believe he learned a lot from that fight. And, Alan Quartey didn't surprise anyone when he ended his match early."



Sgt. Jennifer Rogge, head coach of the Camp Carroll Boxing Club, wraps the hands of Sgt. Jason Teal before his middleweight bout during the 2006 Crown Jewel Boxing Invitational.

Korean national employees experience 'New Horizons'

Training modeled after that presented to U.S. personnel

By Pfc. Park Kwang-mo

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – After Koreans burned the *General Sherman*, an armed American merchant ship, in 1866, the two nations have forged an alliance that gets stronger every day.

As part of the ongoing activities to facilitate cooperation and friendship, a New Horizons Day semi-annual training program was started in 2002 for U.S. personnel.

However, earlier this week, the audience changed.

This time, New Horizon Day Training was held just for Korean employees in the Daegu enclave and Waegwan. Each session, held Tuesday at the Camp Henry Theater and Wednesday at Camp Carroll's Community Activity Center, respectively, lasted about three hours.

Col. Donald J. Hendrix, the Area IV Support Activity commander, brought the initiative of the new session to Korean nationals as a fresh perspective to the regular New Horizon Day Training, to consummate mutual understandings of Korean and American culture.

"Today's session is to set the stage for training, by introducing the concepts of American culture and dealing with diversity awareness and giving employees a chance to get acquainted," said Carolyn Moody-Wilkinson, an Area IV Equal Employment Opportunity specialist.

Approximately 200 employees from Daegu and



PFC. PARK KWANG-MO

Carolyn Moody-Wilkinson, an Area IV Equal Employment Opportunity specialist, delivers her New Horizons Day training presentation to Korean national employees at the Camp Henry Theater Tuesday.

150 from Waegwan attended the training sessions, entitled "American Culture and Dealing with Diversity Awareness."

Throughout the presentation, Moody referred to American culture "as more of a vegetable soup instead of a melting pot, because American society now distinguishes individual components with each having its own flavor, such as beans, potatoes and carrots. And currently, the increasing change of the working place, justifies the need for higher awareness of diversity."

After the briefing, a video titled "A Peacock in the Land of Penguins" was shown and then a question-and-answer session concluded the event.

Kim Kyong-suk, Area IV Information Management Office technician, said, "I have been working here for 17 years, but I didn't

have a chance to learn American culture in a classroom environment. This session helped me to have a clearer picture of diversity."

Another participant, Yu Yeong-chul, a support service specialist from Area IV Directorate of Human Resource, said, "So far, the training to understand diversity was one-sided, with Americans learning about Korean culture. But, now we are on the same path to understanding differences and diversity mutually."

Koreans have been attached to U.S. forces since the Korean War era, as Korean nationals employees, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army program Soldiers, Korean Services Corps members, security guards, and in other capacities.

According to Cho Tae-ung, a human resources specialist at the Area IV Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Korean employees started working with U.S. military forces in 1952. Currently, about 2,400 out of 10,400 peninsula-wide Korean national employees are supporting and reinforcing the ROK-U.S. alliance here in Area IV.

"Korean Nationals are operating the utilities, repairing military equipment, driving ambulances, ordering supplies, assisting the command in managing resources and a myriad of other functions that contribute to the overall execution of the United States Forces Korea mission," Cho said.

Moody said that the New Horizon Day Training for Korean nationals will continue as ongoing training, much the same as the American version.

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The Black Widow Strikes



JASON LEE

Jeanette Lee, known in the billiards world as "The Black Widow," gets set to perform one of her many trick shots during a performance before a capacity crowd at Duffy's on Chinhae Naval Base, Sunday. Oh Kyong-won (on table) gets prepared while Lee steadies the cue ball before the completion of her shot. Lee also visited Camp Casey and the Navy Club at Yongsan Garrison during the trip.

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Central Texas College Classes Offered

Starting Saturday, Central Texas College at Camp Henry will offer a series of military training courses that qualify for elective college credit.

"Counseling Techniques" is being offered Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The course teaches supervisors how to counsel Soldiers and to write successful counseling statements. It combines speaking, listening and writing skills through simulated counseling situations and the preparation of the general counseling form.

March 4 and 5, "Personal Financial Management 1" is offered. This course provides students with basic financial management techniques for personal use and for developing a base of information to use in counseling subordinates. March 11 and 12, "Improve Work Performance" is offered. Supervisors learn personnel management techniques to motivate the work performance of subordinates. Each class is covered by Tuition Assistance.

For information, contact Jimmy Morris at 768-7874.

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병장 정정우
8헌병여단

“하늘 위를 걷고 있는 듯한 느낌입니다.”

미육군 스타즈 오브 투모로우 예능경연대회에서 카투스사로써 처음으로 상을 받은 윤종백 일병의 수상소감이다.

8헌병여단 본부중대 한국군인 사과의 윤종백 일병은 1월 21일, 워싱턴의 포트 벨보이어에서 열린 스타즈 오브 투모로우 예능경연대회에서 메인 보컬 부문 2위, 전체 3위를 차지하는 성적을 거두었다.

스타즈 오브 투모로우 담당 임원인 빅터 허타도 씨는 윤종백 일병에 대해, “그는 내가 들어본 것 중에서 가장 경이적인 목소리를 가졌습니다.” 라고 말했다.

윤 일병은 대회에서 제임스 인그렘의 “포레버 모어”를 불렀다.

허타도 씨는 이어서, “심사위원 중 한 명은 우리가 실수로 가수의 목소리가 담긴 노래를 틀었던 것이 아닌가 해서 그가 노래 부르는 것을 멈추었다가 다시 시작하게 하면 어떨까 생각하기도 했다고 말했는데 이것은 아마도 최고의 찬사가 아니었나 생각됩니다. 왜냐하면 제임스 인그렘은 우리 시절의 가장 뛰어난 목소리를 가졌었기 때문입니다.” 라고 덧붙였다.

윤 일병은 용산 미군기지의 모이에서 열린 스타즈 오브 투모로우 예선에 지원하여 우수한 성적을 거둔 후 허타도 씨의 추천을 받아 미국에서 열리는 본선에 진출하게 되었다.



윤종백 일병

그는, “기대하지 못했던 큰 상을 타게 되어 정말 영광입니다. 미국에 갈 수 있도록 도와준 대한민국 육군, 미육군, 동료 카투스사들, 부대 장병들, 부사관들 모두에게 감사합니다.” 며 도와준 사람들에게 감사를 표했다.

그는 대회를 위해 방문한 워싱턴에서 동료 전우들의 흔적이 있는 곳을 관광하기도 했다.

그는, “링컨 기념관, 베트남 전 기념관, 한국전 기념관 등을 방문했습니다. 멀리서 이름 모를 사람들을 위해 싸운 전우들을 보며 고마움을 느꼈습니다.” 라고 말했다.

윤 일병은 12살 때 영어 공부를 하기 위하여 팝송을 부르게 된 것을 계기로 노래를 시작하게 되었다.

그 후 꾸준히 장르를 가리지 않고 팝송을 부르며 노래 실력을 키웠다.

그는 서울시립대 사회복지학과에 재학 중 노래팀의 보컬로 참여하여 홍익대 근처의 클럽을 빌려서 공연을 하는 등 대학 시절 동안 꾸준히 노래를 불렀다.

그는 “힘든 일이 있을 때면 노래를 부르며 그것을 극복해내었다” 라고 말할 정도로 노래를 좋아했다.

그는 앞으로 노래를 부르기만 할 것이 아니라 직접 작사, 작곡한 자신 만의 노래를 불러보고 싶다고 말했다.

노래와 함께 생활해 온 그는 군제대 후에도 노래를 계속할 것이라고 한다.

그는, “복학 후에는 일단 학업에 매진할 것입니다. 학업을 마친 후에는 종합적으로 음악을 계속해나가고 싶습니다.” 라고 말했다.

The story is about:
A KATUSA Soldier who took the second place in the U.S. Army's Stars of Tomorrow contest.

Learn Korean Easily



Language Instructor
Kwon Min-sook



“Johm ship-she-dah.”
“Let's take a break.”

Single Consonants											
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Word of the week:

녹차

ㄴ ; n, ㅊ ; oh, ㅈ ; k(g) /
ㅅ ; ch, ㅏ ; ah
‘nohk-chah’
green tea

The phrase of the week :

“Would you like to drink green tea?”

녹차 드시겠습니까?

Nohk-chah due-she-geh-suem-nee-ggah?

green tea

Would you like to drink?

Conversation of the week

감기 괜찮습니까?

How is your cold?

Gahm-gee

gwehn-chahn-suem-nee-ggah?

좋습니다.

I am doing fine.

Jo-suem-nee-dah.

오늘 근무 가능하십니까?

Are you able to work today?

O-nuel guen-moo

gah-nueng-hah-sheem-nee-ggah?

그럼요.

Sure.

Gue-roem-yo.

수고하십시오.

Please take care.

Soo-go-hah-sheep-she-o.

네.

Alright.

Neh.

회의

hweh-ue

meeting

훈련

hool-lyon

training

Share this column with a Korean co-worker.



협조사진

윤종인 일병이 스타즈 오브 투모로우 대회에서 제임스 인그렘의 곡인 ‘포레버 모어’를 열창하고 있다.